

**McKnight Brain Research Foundation**  
**Charter of the Research Committee**  
**of the Board of Trustees**

Purpose

The Research Committee shall encourage and assess research at the McKnight Brain Institutes (MBIs) by providing direction, focus and guidance for research that supports the McKnight Brain Research Foundation's (MBRF) mission to investigate cognitive aging, age-related cognitive decline and age-related memory loss (unrelated to Alzheimer's disease or other dementias). The Research Committee shall identify opportunities to promote and implement activities among the scientific community to foster greater interest in cognitive aging and age-related cognitive decline and memory loss. The Committee, by their example and leadership, shall encourage young investigators in this area of research. The Research Committee reports to the Board of Trustees.

Members

The Chair of the Board shall appoint a Research Committee, consisting of no fewer than three (3) members, inclusive of the Chair of the Research Committee and at least two other Trustees. Because the Committee is required to make substantive judgments about the quality of research studies and protocols, familiarity with research is the single most important criterion for service on the committee. The Chair of the Board shall serve as non-voting, ex officio member. The Committee may include other non-Trustee persons. The Executive Director shall serve as non-voting, ex officio member.

Meetings

The Research Committee shall meet at those times and places as determined by the Chair of the Committee, no fewer than two (2) times a year. The Committee shall maintain minutes of all meetings, which shall be regularly approved by the Committee and made available for distribution to the Board of Trustees.

Powers

The Research Committee shall provide oversight and guidance on research activities, inclusive of its partnerships and programs. The Research Committee shall review all requests, proposals and applications for funding of research or scholarships. The Research Committee makes recommendations on the merits and limitations of these requests to the MBRF Board of Trustees and may offer adjustments to the study protocol to allow for alignment with the MBRF mission. The Committee shall review and approve for recommendation the objectives and methods of study designs. The Committee will seek information and recommendations from the Cognitive Aging and Memory Interventional Core Committee and the MBRF Leadership Council and MBI Directors. The Committee will monitor progress on funded research studies, and will advise the Trustees and make recommendations.

The Research Committee shall work with the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Director to develop long range plans, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be required and approved by the Board of Trustees.